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Work Assignment ES002
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Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: September 28, 2001

On September 28, 2001 the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by (b) (6) of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for private citizens.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Folcroft Landfill and this map was used throughout the interview. The WITNESS identified locations on this map and the map is attached to this summary.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he has been a member of the Folcroft Fire Department since 1965. He stated that he was the Folcroft Fire Department Chief from 1966 to 1968. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Fire Department services the Folcroft Borough, which includes the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that during the period the Folcroft Landfill was in operation, He could not recall the specific years other than the general time frame of 1960s to 1970s. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Fire Department was called to the Folcroft Landfill on a few occasions to put out ground fires.

When asked how often he responded to Folcroft, the WITNESS stated that he would guess a few times each year.

When asked to describe the fires, the WITNESS stated that most of the fires at the Folcroft Landfill were caused by hot incinerator ash. The WITNESS stated that the Delaware County incinerator was located approximately .5 miles from the Landfill and the ash from the incinerator was disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill. He indicated that the incinerator was in operation 24 hours a day, six days each week and that the incinerator produced a large amount of ash.

The WITNESS stated that when there was a heavy volume of waste being incinerated, the incinerator operators would "push through" the ash and loads of hot ash were disposed of at the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that this hot ash would cause any paper and cardboard to ignite causing the fires.

The WITNESS was asked to identify the locations of these fires on the Folcroft Landfill map. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall specific locations. He indicated that the Landfill expanded south as the fill areas grew and that fires were started throughout the Landfill area. The WITNESS marked the map to indicate the direction that the Landfill expanded.

When asked to describe the types of waste that was incinerated in the Delaware County incinerator, the WITNESS stated that all municipal waste in the southwest part of Delaware County was incinerated at this incinerator.

When asked the names of the companies that transported this municipal waste to the incinerator, the WITNESS stated that some of the municipalities had trash trucks that would pick up municipal waste and some of the municipalities contracted trash pick-ups to private trash companies. The WITNESS could not recall the names of any of the private trash companies that transported trash to the incinerator. The WITNESS stated that Delaware County had trash trucks and he believes that Delaware County transported some of the incinerator ash to the Landfill.

The WITNESS was asked if the Folcroft Fire Department maintained records of fire responses. The WITNESS stated yes, however he stated that records are destroyed after seven years and any records relating to the Folcroft Landfill have been destroyed.

The WITNESS stated that there was also a sewage plant located across from the incinerator. He stated that this sewage plant treated sewage from all residents in the southwest section of Delaware County. He did not know if the sewage waste or sludge was disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill.

When asked the names of any generators or transporters that disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill the WITNESS stated that he had no knowledge. He indicated that other than going to the Landfill to put out fires he had no knowledge of Landfill activities.

When asked to describe any equipment he observed at the Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he recalls at least two 6-wheel bulldozer compactors. He also indicated that there was a building at the entrance to the Landfill.

When asked the names of any individuals that worked at the Folcroft Landfill or disposed of waste at the Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he did not know anyone.

When asked the names of any individuals that may have knowledge of activities at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Robert Horn: The WITNESS stated that Horn was the Folcroft Chief of Police in the 1960s and 1970s.
- Jim Chrisite: The WITNESS stated that Chrisite was a Folcroft Police Officer in the late 1960s and 1970s.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
Ronald Cook